THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C.V.NAGARJUNA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.27689 OF 2007

Date: 28.12.2007

Between:

Twin Cities Auto Rickshaw Owners
Welfare Association and others

. . .Petitioners

AND

The Government of Andhra Pradesh and and another

. . .Respondents

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ORDER:

This writ petition is filed for the following substantive relief:

> "It is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue a writ order or direction especially one in the nature of writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in not extending the last date for fixation of digital meters to three wheeler auto rickshaws from 31.12.2007 to 30.04.2008 is illegal, arbitrary and violative of Article 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India and principles of natural justice and further declare the action of the respondents in not considering the petitioners representation dt.19.12.2007 for extension of time for fixation of digital meters 31.12.2007 to 30.04.2008 is also illegal and arbitrary."

Learned Government Pleader for Transport placed before this Court copy of letter, dated 27.12.2007 addressed by Transport Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad to Twin Cities Auto Rickshaw Owners Welfare Association, wherein it is mentioned as under:

> "With reference to the representation cited, the Twin-Cities Autorickshaws Owner's Welfare Association, Secunderabad is informed that, the department has installed 20,000 Digital Fare Meters to Autorickshaws as on 26.12.2007 belonging to twin cities of Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy Districts. It is proposed to fix another 15,000 Digital Meters to the Auto-rickshaws by the end of December 31st, 2007. Simultaneously, Coupons for

sale and installation of meters in about 10 places in twin cities of Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy Districts would be issued to all the willing Auto-rickshaw Drivers/Owners from 28th December to 31st December 2007 with the same price. There will not be any increase in the cost of the Digital Meters for those persons who take coupons. The enforcement on Auto-rickshaws for non-fixation of Digital Meters is deferred till 31.01.2008.

All the auto-rickshaw Drivers/Owners who are willing to have the Digital Meters would be provided with the present cost without any over head charges."

In view of the above, the cause in the writ petition does not survive for consideration.

The writ petition is, therefore, dismissed.

C.V.NAGARJUNA REDDY, J

28th DECEMBER, 2007

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